

REMARKS

Claims 6, 18, 19, 22, 23 and 30-39 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 8, 9, 14-17, 20 and 24-29 are canceled, and claims 30-39 are added. Claims 30-39 depend from allowed independent claim 6 and recite features previously recited in the claims that have been canceled. Thus, no new matter is added.

I. Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner is requested to consider the information provided in the attached Information Disclosure Statement.

II. All Pending Claims are Patentable

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 6, 18, 22 and 23. Because claim 19 depends from allowed claim 6, claim 19 also should be identified as allowed. Moreover, as indicated above, newly-added claims 30-39 also depend from claim 6 and therefore are allowable.

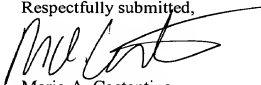
Cancellation of claims 8, 9, 14-17, 20 and 24-29 render the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103 moot.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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Information Disclosure Statement
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